Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—*This Council recommends to the Government to open recreation clubs for Government servants in each centre and to afford all facilities for running them.*

Amendment.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—"*Omit 'for Government servants'* ".

10. Committee of inquiry in the recruitment of the Staff.

Deputy President.—No. 10 also stands in your name. Mr. Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I do not move that resolution.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*This Council recommends that a committee consisting of officials and non-officials be appointed to inquire into the grievances and irregularities alleged inside and outside this Council to exist with regard to the recruitment of the staff into the service of the State and to suggest necessary remedial measures.*

11. Raising the Ernakulam Foreshore.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The resolution standing in my name reads thus:

"This Council recommends that the Ernakulam foreshore lying behind the main bazaar, be raised to a suitable height and thus reclaim what now really is a marsh in front of the town".

I do not know if this resolution requires much explanation. It is a great pity that there is this swamp before us. During the monsoon months the foreshore of Ernakulam, particularly behind the main bazaar, is reduced to a swamp and naturally becomes very unhealthy. I know there is a scheme of foreshore improvement, but it will take a pretty long time. This work, after all will not cost a great deal of money, so that I do not think there is any necessity to keep this work till the question of foreshore improvement is taken on hand.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I second this resolution.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—While I have no objection to convert marshy places to healthy places, the question is as to who should spend the money. As the Ernakulam Muncipality cannot do it,—I know they are in very great difficulties and they are not even able to meet the salaries of their officers—our objection here however is the way in which public funds are being spent upon one part of the State. This has been going on for a very long time, spending the whole amount at Ernakulam. We cannot tolerate this any more. If the place is a marshy place you must go to some other place. We are not going to spend public funds at Ernakulam.

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Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Metropolis.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I have seen and heard of so many metropolises. We are not going to spend any more money behind Ernakulam or in front of the backwater for a college, because there are many marshy places. You want 500 acres for your 1st Grade College and you propose to have it at Ernakulam. Here is a place which is a marshy land; and what is the fun of telling us at one timte, that Ernakulam is the best place for having a college and then telling us at another time that it is a marshy place? Either the statement is wrong or the report of the Committee is no report at all worth the name. I have never heard of a committee being appointed by any Government representing one side only, the most abusive way of utilising the power and recording its views. I have never heard worse things.

Deputy President.—What has that to do with this?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—They say it is a marshy place. The report says it has a fine site. We cannot spend money to reclaim marshy lands at Ernakulam to make it a healthy place. We have heard the committee say that we have got splendid place for a first class First Grade College and that land could be got at Rs. 5 a cent in Ernakulam and there is the Government Committee ready to give a pre-arranged report. I challenge that it is a pre-arranged report.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—On a point of order, Sir.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We must give out our views some time or other in this House. I am only creating an occasion to attack you.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of improving the Ernakulam foreshore is engaging the attention of the Government. Complete plans have already been drawn up and the raising of the land to the west of the Ernakulam bazaar is included in that scheme. It is hoped that Government will be in a position to do the work at a very early date, possibly in this year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—By way of information, is not a sum of Rs. 10,000 set apart for foreshore improvements in Ernakulam, available this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—While I have not the least objection to accept the decision of the Government to include this work in connection with the foreshore improvement, I do not propose to press the motion. I should like to bring to the notice of the Government the aspersions cast upon a certain committee appointed by Government. I cannot leave it so. I take this opportunity to say that because the Hon'ble Member

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for Trichur was not checked in saying that, they were as irrelevent as they were out of taste and unfair.

Deputy President.—I said the same thing to him.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I still stick to it. I created an occasion to attack the Government. I know there are marshy lands in Ernakulam before you know. That is what is reported. You cannot say that now.

Deputy President.—What is the use of quarrelling?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I am not quarrelling. I simply want to raise the level of the foreshore in front of the backwater. I may say for the information of this House as well as the Hon'ble Member for Trichur, that this has nothing whatever to do with the college extension scheme as recommended by the Committee.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Cleverness.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is not a question of cleverness, but a question of fairness. Attacking somebody or something, to say that there is no space in Ernakulam, simply shows the desperate nature of the case which the Hon'ble Member for Trichur is pushing through.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

12. Standing Committees.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My resolution reads thus:—'This Council recommends that Standing Committees of this Council be appointed to be associated with the administration of major spending departments of the State, such as Public Works, Education, Medical and Sanitation, Agriculture and Panchayats, etc.' So far as our Legislative Council rules are concerned, under rule 50 this Council has no power to suggest any definite item of expenditure in the preparation of the budget. Rule 50 says,—'No motion for appropriation shall be made except on the recommendation of Government. Motions may be moved at this stage to omit or reduce any grant or any item in a grant, but not to increase or alter the destination of a grant.' The Council has no power either to suggest any item of expenditure or transfer it to any other item. What this Council can do is either reduce any item or omit it. And even that power has been crushed to pieces by the considerable numbers of transfers effected without the kuowledge of this Council. I have been always thinking why there should be any omission or reduction in the Cochin Budget at all. The Government could freely move for such items which will be readily approved by the Council and when the budget is passed, the Government can freely transfer money to items which the Council may not approve. That is a very nice way of preparing the budget. In practice, Sir, this Council has entirely lost its control over the items of expenditure by these transfers. There is a resolution coming that transfers should not be made in future. This Council has also no power to see how the money

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